# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA GAINESVILLE DIVISION

ANGELA and JAMES FISCHER, Individually and as the Guardians of MOLLIANNE FISCHER, an Adult Ward,

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action File No.: 2:16-cv-143

v.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA for GEORGIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, a division of AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY, COMMISSIONER BRIAN OWENS, in his individual capacity as the former Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Corrections, DR. BILLY NICHOLS, in his individual capacity as Medical Director of Georgia Correctional Healthcare, DR. EDWARD BAILEY, in his individual capacity as the former Director of Georgia Correctional Healthcare, DR. SHARON LEWIS, in her individual capacity as the Medical Director for the Georgia Department of Corrections, KATHY SEABOLT, in her individual capacity as the former

Warden of Arrendale State Prison, ANGELA GRANT, in her individual capacity as the Warden of Pulaski State Prison, DR YVON NAZAIRE, in his individual capacity as the former Medical Director at Pulaski State Prison. BETTY RODGERS, in her individual capacity as the Health Services Administrator at Pulaski State Prison, DANNY FINN, in his individual capacity as the Director of Human Resources for Georgia Correctional Healthcare, ALABA ADESHIGBIN, in her individual capacity as a Nurse at Arrendale State Prison, DANIEL WEISE, in his individual capacity as a Nurse at Arrendale State Prison, ELIZABETH GEE, in her individual capacity as a Correctional Officer at Arrendale State Prison, HANNAH FULLER, in her individual capacity as a Nurse at Arrendale State Prison, NURSE PAGE, in her individual capacity as a Nurse at Arrendale State Prison, AMBER STONE, in her individual capacity as a Counselor at Arrendale State Prison, KARLA SUE KIEFER, in her individual capacity as a Nurse at Arrendale State Prison, KRISTI ADDISON, in her individual capacity as a Nurse at

Arrendale State Prison, YHANA WHITWORTH, in her individual capacity as a Nurse at Arrendale State Prison, RHONDA STOVALL, in her individual capacity as a Nurse at Arrendale State Prison, PATRICK ARNOLD, in his individual capacity as a Correctional Officer at Arrendale State Prison. CEELSEA GOSS, in her individual capacity as a Correctional Officer at Arrendale State Prison, JUSTIN GRIZZLE, in his individual capacity as a Correctional Officer at Arrendale State Prison. WAYMAN JACKSON, in his individual capacity as a Correctional Officer at Arrendale State Prison, STEVEN LEWICKI, in his individual capacity as a Correctional Officer at Arrendale State Prison. ROBERT PRATHER, in his individual capacity as a Correctional Officer at Arrendale State Prison, MICHAEL ROBINSON, in his individual capacity as a Correctional Officer at Arrendale State Prison, CRYSTAL TYLER, in her individual capacity as a Correctional Officer at Arrendale State Prison,

Defendants.

### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

To The Honorable Judges of the United States District Court of the Northern District of Georgia, Gainesville Division.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332; 1441(a) and 1442(a) Defendant Amber Stone (hereinafter "Petitioner") by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby gives notice that she is removing the above styled action *Angela and James Fischer*, *Individually and as the Guardians of Mollianne Fischer, an Adult Ward, v. Georgia Department of Corrections, et al.* Civil Action No. 2016CV0263CC, currently pending in the Superior Court of Habersham County, Georgia to United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Gainesville Division. In support, Petitioner shows as follows:

1.

On May 19, 2016, Plaintiff filed a civil action in the Superior Court of Habersham County, which is located within the Gainesville Division of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. (See Exhibit A – Complaint)

2.

On May 25, 2016 the Complaint was served on Petitioner at Arrendale State Prison. (See Exhibit B – Sherriff's Entry of Service)

3.

The subject Complaint asserts Plaintiffs' Ward sustained damages and that her civil rights were violated by defendants and further that her medical care and treatment was negligent and actionable under the Georgia Tort Claims Act.

4.

This Notice of Removal is filed within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the lawsuit upon all Defendants.

5.

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1446(a) and applicable Local Rules, copies of all process, pleadings and orders served upon Petitioner are attached as exhibits to this notice. (See Exhibits "A", "B" and "C")

6.

The aforementioned civil action is a civil action over which this Court has original jurisdiction under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1441 and is one which may be removed to this Court by Petitioner pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1442(a) because the Complaint contains allegations of violations of Federal Civil Rights and seeks relief under 42 U.S.C. §1983.

7.

Defendant has given written notice of the filing of this Notice to the Plaintiffs by Service on counsel. Petitioner has filed a written notice with the Clerk of State Court of Fulton County, a copy of which is attached. (See Exhibit "C")

WHEREFORE, Defendant Stone prays that the case now pending in the Superior Court of Habersham County be removed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Gainesville Division and to effect and prepare this Court the true record of all proceeding that may have been had in the Superior Court of Habersham County, Georgia.

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served a copy of the within and foregoing NOTICE OF REMOVAL upon all parties to this matter electronically via USDC ECF (efile) and by depositing a true copy of same in the United States Mail, in a properly addressed envelope with adequate postage thereon to the counsel of record as follows:

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## **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(D), the undersigned counsel hereby certifies that the foregoing pleading was prepared in Times New Roman 14-point font, in compliance with Local Rule 5.1(C).

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2016.

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